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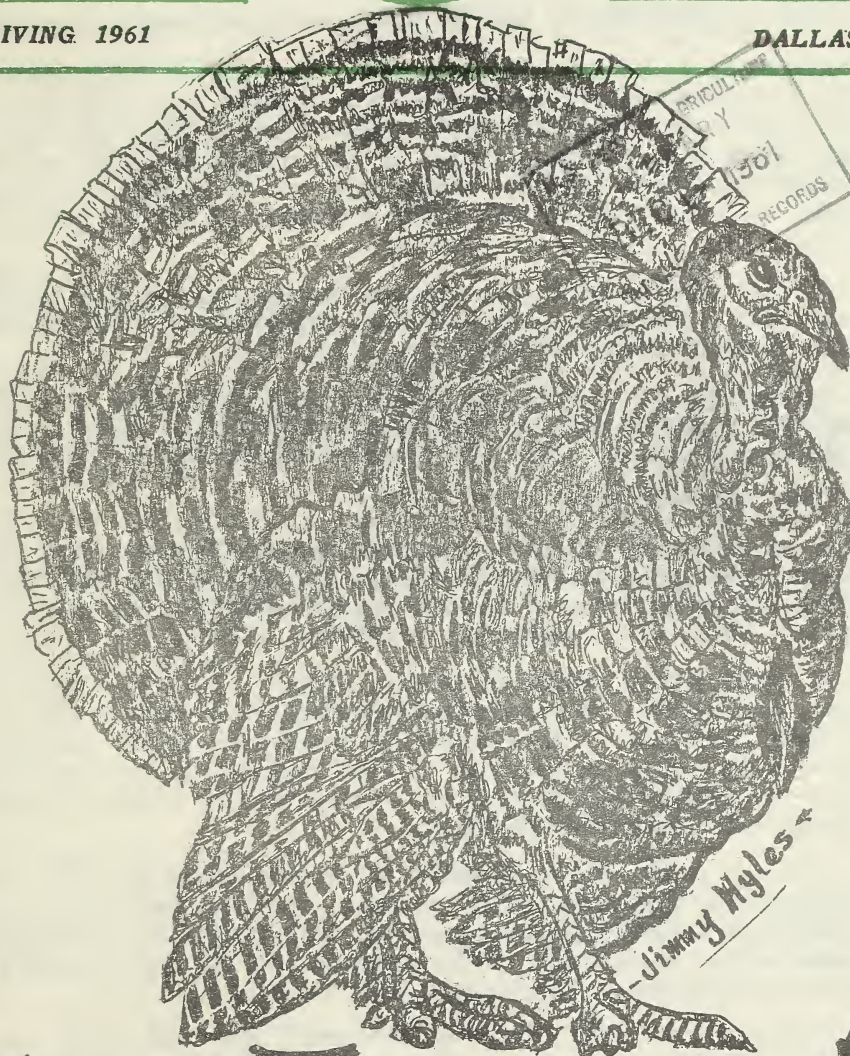
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THANKSGIVING 1961

DALLAS, TEXAS



Happy Thanksgiving!

MOSELEY CITES SUCCESS OF 1961 FEED GRAIN PROGRAM

Texas grain sorghum and corn producers have helped nail a success sign on the 1961 Feed Grain Program, C. H. Moseley, director, Dallas Commodity Office, states.

This is particularly true of grain sorghum farmers, he explains.

According to latest crop estimates, they intend to harvest a crop of 229.6 million bushels or 28.9 million bushels less than last year. However, had it not been for their cooperation in the Feed Grain Program, they could have produced a crop of 306 million bushels, or 77 million bushels more than they did a year ago. As it stands, national prospects point to a milo crop of 478 million bushels or 21 per cent less than in 1960.

A Texas corn crop of 26.2 million bushels will be 1.2 million bushels less than a year ago. Over-all corn prospects at 3.53 billion bushels will be about nine per cent below a year ago.

The October 10 reports put over-all feed production at 4,008 million bushels, compared with an estimated 4,900 million bushels without the Feed Grain Program. That's a downward adjustment of 892 million bushels.

What does this mean?

It means a reversal of a long time trend. For the first time in many years, feed grain consumption during the coming year will exceed production. It means costs of the new program will be considerably below the savings which will result for taxpayers.

It means a sharp increase in farm income, probably a billion dollars or more, accountable to production adjustment and other price support action. Already this jump in farm income is showing up in the economy of rural areas with a pick up in sales of farm implements, cars and trucks, household furnishings and appliances. These are the kinds of things that always help industrial districts.

Although conservation payments to farmers under the 1961 Feed Grain Program will approximate \$768 million, they are being paid for adjusting production largely in kind, that is, with grains the government already owns and has in storage. This accounts for the sharp upswing in recent grain sorghum sales from Dallas ASCS inventory.

Without a Feed Grain Program, the gross cost would have been about \$1,700,000,000. Therefore, ultimate savings to the taxpayers, by reason of the 1961 Feed Grain Program, will be well over \$500 million and possibly as much as one billion dollars.

1961 "GIVE A TOY" CAMPAIGN
SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 4-8
BY ALL FEDERAL AGENCIES

UNCLE BEN BACK ON JOB

The 1961 "Give a Toy" campaign by each Federal Agency in Dallas will be held during the week of Dec. 4 - 8.

This worthy drive, to secure and distribute toys for Christmas to underprivileged children of Dallas, is sponsored by Dallas Federal Business Association. The chairman of the drive for the second straight year is Mr. John J. Slaughter of Food Distribution Branch, USDA.

The 1960 campaign was such a tremendous success that the slogan for this year is "Let's Do It Again," with a goal of at least one new or usable toy from each Federal Employee. Posters, giving all details, will be distributed to all agencies on November 27.

The USDA portion of the Federal family made a major contribution in last year's drive, both in material and effort. This year's activity will no doubt even surpass the previous wonderful results.

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IT'S REALLY A SNAP, ISN'T IT?

A thought for those of us who get "bored on the job" -

There are 168 hours in a week; we work 40 of them. This leaves 128 hours off the job. If we worked straight through our 40 hours, and based on a 24 hour day, we would work 1 2/3 days and have left each week 5 1/3 days. There is no other economy in this world yet that can match this. Think it over!

I would like to thank each one of you for your kindness while I was in the hospital: for your prayers, nice cards, beautiful flowers, telephone calls and visits; the nice robe from Key Punch and Tab Room. My thanks also go to Charles Chapman and Don Fields for taking me to the hospital. Last, but not least, thanks to Jean Morgan for what she did. You people who do not know our nurse don't know what you have missed. She is a wonderful person to say nothing of her profession in which she is tops.

Thanks again to everyone in CSS!

- Benton M. Shelton

DPD NEWS

DONNA ESTELLE BART, DPD summer employee, threw us a curve. Instead of attending Sam Houston State College, Huntsville, she was married to James Edward Ramsey at Camp Pendleton, Calif. on Sept. 30. The couple resides in Oceanside, Calif. The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Edwin O. Bart. Mr. Bart is a former Section Chief in Fiscal Division.

JO ANN CHAPMAN - resigned to increase her brood.

- Bert Cannefax

CONDOLENCES

to BOB GRIFFIN, DPD, and his wife on the loss of her mother.

and to SANDRA THOMAS, DPD, on the loss of her great grandfather, Mr. J. W. Thomas. Mr. Thomas was a founder of Thomas-Belvick Cleaners, a landmark on Greenville Avenue.

"PERSONNEL ACTIONS IN DALLAS COMMODITY OFFICE"

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" + " (Plus)

COD:

Charlotte Bozarth
Louise Estridge
Letha Stambaugh (Poultry)

COD:

Jim Hickman
Arlene Hurtig
Kenneth King

DACD:

Charles Hudson
Martha Layton
Mike Metcalf (Food Dist.)
Sylvia Poe (F.N.M.A.)
Frank Wilson

DACD:

Rosie Burrow
Ramona Packineau
Ronnie Stone

DPD:

Bob Cullison
Huey Faciane (A/D, USAR)
Donald Fields
Esther Harrelson
Rose Head
Gerald Howard
Joyce Johnson
Murry Rosell

"PROMOTIONS"

Raymond Adams (FI)
Jack Basden (DPD)
Alayna Dittmore (DPD)
Eloise Ligon (DPD)
Finous Rood (DPD)
Sadie Williams (FI)

DPD:

Barbara Aaron
Josephine Cooper
Charlene Dunlap
Glenn Jackson
Glennell Overstreet

FI:

Marguerite Boone (Retired)
Hattibel Clark
Judy Gann
Lula Morgan (Retired)

FI:

Jean Coker
Donna Cole
Annabel Fuqua
Dolores Hernandez
Floyd Herndon
Doris Ingram
Georgia Laughlin
Isobel Love
Patricia White

GO:

Clarence Baggett (F.N.M.A.)

TMD:

JoAnn Branscum
Sharon Fisher
Maureen Flynn
Noreta Sanford
Dorothy Savage

TMD:

Judy Boles
Anna Canales (Retired)
Frank Dahlgreen
Norma Skidmore

Houston Field Office:

Mary Davis

Houston Field Office:

Mattie Landes
Londos Winn

-Assembled by
pat copeland

NEWS FROM G.O.D.

The GO Division has done its share in "keeping up" the hospitals recently, the latest contributors being Lucille Williams in the Garland Hospital and Roy Hutchison in the Katy Hospital in Denison. We are happy to report that each has now returned to work.

Our best wishes go with Clarence Baggett who has transferred to "Fannie May." Clarence will handle reproduction work there as he did so capably for us for eleven years.

HONORS FOR USDA EMPLOYEE'S DAUGHTER

Margaret White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. White, has received the high and coveted Gold Star Award for outstanding achievement in the 4-H Club. The Gold Star Award is presented each year to the outstanding all-around boy and girl in each county based on their 4-H Club work from time of enrollment in the club. For the past four years she has won awards in Clothing and Food demonstrations. This year she and her teammate placed fourth in State Competition at 4-H Round-Up in Vegetable Preparation and Use.

Congratulations to Margaret and her parents. Her father, whom we know as Leonard White, is a 20 year plus employee with USDA who prefers the country life to that of the city dweller. The Whites live near Midlothian (Ellis County), Texas.

FULL TIME LEAVE WITHOUT PAY

Auf wiedersehn, but not good-bye, to Marguerite H. Boone, who retired on Friday, October 13. Unlucky 13 for us, but the start of a new era for her. We will miss her pleasant manner, her delightful sense of humor, and her ability to enjoy a joke, even at her own expense. Our best wishes for continued happy days and years to her and her husband, "Zeke" and to the real boss of the household, "Louie," their parrot. We'll be looking forward to your visits, Marguerite, and more stories about Louie and his bright sayings. Zeke is also welcome to visit, but we must restrict our offer only to Louie on the bright sayings.

Marguerite received many gifts and other tokens of good wishes after the dinner which was given in her honor. All of the employees of the Invoice & Payment Unit attended, as well as personal friends, and her husband, Zeke.

Gentle, serene, sprightly, and gay, are a few of the words descriptive of the personality of LULA BROOKE MORGAN, who retired after 20 years of service on November 15. She was honored with a dinner given by her fellow employees in Invoice & Payment Unit of Fiscal Division, and received many gifts and expressions of good wishes. Guests at the luncheon included Bernice Carson, a retired former co-worker, and her husband, Ross. Her many friends know she will bring energy and enthusiasm to her retirement activities.

-Above articles by Helen Moen

TO YOUR HEALTH

BREAKFAST should be the most important meal of the day. Instead, it is the most often neglected. By morning, 12 or more hours have usually elapsed since you have eaten. During this period, your body has used up most of the fuel furnished by the last meal. You need food to provide immediate energy for the beginning of a new day.

A quick cup of coffee and toast may give you a lift momentarily. Such a breakfast will not provide lasting energy for maximum body performance throughout the morning. Half of your day's work depends upon strength from this meal.

Studies have proved that persons who eat a good breakfast are more efficient. Lack of food causes fatigue and mental sluggishness. Also, the body needs essential nutrients to maintain resistance to disease at all times. Body defense is needed particularly against colds and sore throats during this season.

A proper breakfast is quick and easy to prepare. It should provide approximately one-third of your total food intake for the day. You need only a little extra time each morning. You will not miss the few minutes of sleep and you will profit from a good breakfast.

Habits can be changed. If your custom is no breakfast, begin with a small breakfast. Build up to a well balanced meal. Try this for

better health!

- Jean Morgan, R. N.

SAFETY NOTE: Many people learn to live safely only by ACCIDENT.

INFLUENZA VACCINE PROGRAM

Approximately 250 employees have received influenza vaccine through the USDA Club Program. However, many employees have not received second injections of the vaccine. A small number have not reported for the first doses.

If you paid for the vaccine, and do not plan to take it, please notify the nurse. She will be glad to continue holding the vaccine, if illness or other problems have caused the delay. Otherwise, the vaccine may be given to employees who later request it.

A shortage of vaccine exists this year and we may not be able to order more. News of a possible flu epidemic has caused increased demand for vaccinations. Therefore we need to utilize our present supply of vaccine to the best advantage. We would appreciate your calling the nurse immediately regarding injections which are past due. Her telephone number is RI-8-5611, Ext. 2842.

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MRS. JOHNS RECEIVES CITATION

Double Congratulations to GRADY HUFFMAN of Claims and Collections Section! On Dallas Day at the Fair, Grady won the 1962 Chrysler Signet donated by the Dallas Junior Chamber of Commerce. This good luck put him in a very happy frame of mind to welcome his first offspring, a bouncing boy, born October 14 and named Roger Allen Huffman. Both these events were of a joyous nature and Grady is still on a pink cloud. He is so thankful for his own good fortune that he wants to give some of his time for the betterment of underprivileged children in south Dallas. Grady received a warm letter of congratulation from the Dallas Junior Chamber of Commerce in which they praised him for his interest in serving people in less fortunate circumstances.

More power to you, Grady, and may your good luck continue.

MARY DeMINT spent her three weeks vacation in Delmont, Pennsylvania.

- Janet Smith

A much belated greeting to BETTY DELSING, C&C, FI, who has been away from work since last March. Betty's illness has necessitated a month in the hospital and she is having to learn to walk all over again. It is a time for real courage when one must till the row of living with the damaged plow of illness. We who are healthy at the moment can learn much from your fine faith and cheerful spirit.

Mrs. Virginia L. Johns has been singled out for a special award by the Dallas Chapter of the Federal Accountants Association. She recently was presented a citation and handsome plaque for the excellent and aggressive work she has done in the Association. She is the first member of the Local Chapter to receive this type award. She has served as secretary since 1957.

The Chapter, which was chartered in 1956, boasts a membership of 150 top personnel from 16 federal agencies in the Dallas area. Ten women are among its members. Henry C. Goodpasture, chief, Fiscal Division, Dallas ASCO, was its first president.

On the job in the Dallas ASCO, Mrs. Johns is an accounting technician in the claims unit. Here her reports are used not only for marking financial statements of CCC but serve as a basis for legal proceedings in civil claims.

Thoroughness and consistency in this dual-purpose job earned for Mrs. Johns a Sustained Outstanding Performance Award and a Cash Award of \$75 in 1958. She has been with USDA for 18 years.

Helen Moen's teen-age son, Bob, recently killed a fox with a bow and arrow. This wouldn't have been a news item in Hiawatha's day, granted, but lil ol' "Hi" didn't have a hot rod aerial on which to hang the furry appendage of Réynard.

CALL TO THANKSGIVING
PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord

"More than three centuries ago the Pilgrims, after a year of hardship and peril, humbly and reverently set aside a special day upon which to give thanks to God for their preservation and for the good harvest from the virgin soil upon which they had labored. Grave and unknown dangers remained. Yet by their faith and by their toil they had survived the rigors of the harsh New England winter. Hence they paused in their labors to give thanks for the blessings that had been bestowed upon them by Divine Providence.

"This year as harvest draws near its close and the year approaches its end, awesome perils again remain to be faced. Yet we have, as in the past, ample reason to be thankful for the abundance of our blessings. We are grateful for the blessings of faith and health and strength and for the imperishable spiritual gifts of love and hope. . . .

"It is right that we should be grateful for the plenty amidst which we live; the productivity of our farms, the output of our factories, the skill of our artisans, and the ingenuity of our inventors. But in the midst of our thanksgiving, let us not be unmindful of the plight of those in many parts of the world to whom hunger is no stranger and the plight of those millions more who live without the blessings of liberty and freedom. . . .

"I urge all citizens to make this Thanksgiving not merely a holiday from their labors, but rather a day of contemplation. . . . Let us observe this day with reverence and with prayer that will rekindle in us the will and show us the way not only to preserve our blessings, but also to extend them to the four corners of the earth. Let us by our example, as well as by our material aid, assist all people of all nations who are striving to achieve a better life in freedom."

JOHN F. KENNEDY
President